NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER...

IN JULY OF 1979 A SMALL GROUP OF GAY WOMEN AND MEN IN THE COLORADO SPRINGS AREA BEGAN ORGANIZING A CHAPTER OF THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER OF COLORADO(Denver)HERE. THE CHAPTER WAS TO BE KNOWN AS THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER. THE ORIGINAL MEMBERSHIP LIST NUMBERED 46 PERSONS WITH 3 OF THOSE PERSONS CONTRIBUTING $100.00 OR MORE TO BECOME "FOUNDING" MEMBERS.

IN JULY OF 1981 THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER RECEIVED ITS PAPERS OF INCORPORATION FROM THE STATE OF COLORADO. THE CENTER IS NOW A SEPARATE ENTITY, NO LONGER DIRECTLY AFFILIATED WITH GLCCC IN DENVER. THE CENTER IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN TAX EXEMPT STATUS FROM THE IRS. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WILL OCCUR THIS SUMMER OR EARLY FALL.

THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER IS AN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN. IT IS COMPRISED OF TWO BASIC PROGRAMS: PUBLIC EDUCATION ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT OF ALL GAYS.

THE PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM IS CONCERNED WITH SUCH OUTREACH TO THE GAY AND NON-GAY COMMUNITY THROUGH THE USE OF VARIOUS DEVICES AS A SPEAKERS BUREAU, A 24 HOUR HELPLINE(471-4GAY), AND THE COMMUNITY CENTER NEWSLETTER "GAYSPEAK."

THE SPEAKERS BUREAU PROVIDES A PANEL GENERALLY MADE UP OF FOUR INDIVIDUALS(2 women, 2 men)WHO HAVE COME FORWARD FROM DIFFERENT AREAS OF OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY TO DISCUSS THEIR LIFESTYLES AND ATTITUDES AND TO FIELD QUESTIONS FROM ANY HOST GROUP. RECENTLY, THE SPEAKERS BUREAU PROVIDED THE PROGRAMMING ON THE KVOR NIGHT TALK SHOW HOSTED BY MIKE JONES.

THE CENTER 24 HOUR HELPLINE OPENED OCT. 1, 1979. IT IS STAFFED BY TRAINED VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK 6 HR. SHIFTS. THE VOLUNTEERS ENDEAVOR TO MEET THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE GAY COMMUNITY HERE IN THE PIKES PEAK REGION BY MEANS OF REFERRAL(PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, THERAPY, LEGAL, MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY SERVICES), LOCATE QUALIFIED GROUP FACILITATORS, PROVIDE PEER COUNSELING, GENERAL INFORMATION, AND ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SELF-SUSTAINING SUPPORT GROUPS AMONG LESBIANS AND GAY MEN WITH COMMON NEEDS.

HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS COVER ALL PROGRAMS, SUPPORT GROUPS AND SERVICES DESIRED BY OR NECESSARY TO STRENGTHEN THE SOLIDARITY OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE GAY COMMUNITY NOT PRESENTLY BEING SERVED. IT IS THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF PPGCC TO DO SO IN A NON-JUDGMENTAL, NON-THREATENING AND NON-EXCLUSIONARY MANNER.

IN THE AREA OF HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, THE CENTER HELPLINE VOLUNTEERS REFER INTERESTED PERSONS TO VARIOUS SUPPORT GROUPS. PRESENTLY THE SUPPORT GROUPS CONSIST OF "COMING OUT" "COUPLES" "SINGLES" AND "YOUTH." OTHER GROUPS ARE FORMED AS THE NEED ARISES.

A FIVE MEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP GUIDES THE CENTER OPERATIONS, FUNDRAISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS. THE CENTER OPERATES UNDER ITS OWN SET OF BY-LAWS, AND ON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.

PPGCC MEMBERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: REGULAR($15.00 per yr.) HOUSEHOLD($15.00 per yr. + $10.00 per yr. for each additional member) SUSTAINING($60.00 per yr.) INSTITUTIONAL($35.00 per yr.) BUSINESS($120.00 per yr.) ALL MEMBERSHIPS ENTITLE THE HOLDER(S) TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FREE, VOTING PRIVILEGES, AND TO ATTEND CENTER FUNCTIONS EITHER FREE OR AT REDUCED RATES.

MIDGE CONSTANZA, FORMER ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT CARTER, STATED RECENTLY THAT AUTHOR GORE VIDAL OBSERVED THAT "FAG-BAITING IS THE LAST SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE FORM OF BIGOTRY." TODAY, FROM CHURCH PULPITS TO THE HALLS OF CONGRESS, FROM HOODED KLANSMEN TO "QUEERBASHERS" ON THE STREETS, SCAPEGOATING GAY PEOPLE IS BACK IN VOGUE.

JOIN THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER SO THAT WE MIGHT CONTINUE TO EDUCATE NON-GAYS IN OUR REGION IN AN EFFORT TO PUT A STOP TO THIS TYPE OF BIGOTRY. YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF AND OTHERS.

OTHER HELPLINES IN THE PIKES PEAK REGION...

ALCOHOLISM INFORMATION CENTER... 634-3487
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS....634-5020
SUICIDE PREVENTION.....471-4357
TERROS.....471-4127
WOMEN'S HEALTH.....471-9492

QUOTABLE QUOTES...

"I AGREE WITH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, AND I BELIEVE HOMOSEXUALITY IS ONE OF THOSE SINS THAT COULD BE COUPLED WITH MURDER AND OTHER SINS."

Dean Wycoff, Moral Majority
San Jose Chapter

CENTER SUPPORT GROUPS...

COMING OUT...WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, 7:15pm to 9:15pm. CALL 471-4GAY AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR BOB MC.

COUPLES...MONTHLY WEEKEND MEETING, CALL 471-4GAY AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR JOHN T.

SINGLES...THURSDAY EVENINGS, 7:00pm to 9:00pm. CALL 471-4GAY AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR DAN B OR CATHY LYNN.

YOUTH...SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, 5:30pm to 7:00pm. CALL 471-4GAY AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR DEBBIE C OR CHUCK.

NATIONAL NEWS...

GAY RIGHTS LOSE TO CHILD'S...

A JUDGE CAN REMOVE A CHILD FROM CUSTODY OF A HOMOSEXUAL PARENT IF HE FINDS SUCH ACTION IS IN "THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD," THE OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT RULED RECENTLY.
THE COURT UPHELD THE RULING OF A DISTRICT JUDGE IN TULSA, WHO TOOK AWAY THE CUSTODY OF A 2½ YR. OLD BOY FROM HIS MOTHER AND GAVE IT TO THE FATHER AFTER THE MOTHER TESTIFIED SHE HAD BEGUN AN OPEN LESBIAN RELATIONSHIP.
"THE DETERMINING FACTOR SHOULD BE THE EFFECT OF THE HOMOSEXUAL RELATIONSHIP ON THE CHILD AND IF FOUND TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CHILD'S WELL-BEING OR AN IMPAIRMENT TO HIS EMOTIONAL OR PHYSICAL HEALTH, THE CUSTODY MODIFICATION IS ALLOWED," THE COURT OPINION SAID.

WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE SAME STANDARDS WILL BE APPLIED WHEN THE "SHOE IS ON THE OTHER FOOT." CHILD ABUSE IN THE NON-GAY COMMUNITY IS ON THE RISE AND IS A TRAGEDY THAT SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED.

LOCAL NEWS...

BISHOP DEFENDS BACKING HOMOSEXUAL CLERIC...

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS IN DENVER REPORTS THAT A LOCAL METHODIST BISHOP HAS BEEN TARGETED FOR ECCLESIASTICAL TRIAL BY 89 METHODISTS FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA. HIS CRIME? HE APPOINTED A GAY MINISTER TO A JOB IN THE DENVER AREA AFTER THE MINISTER'S BOULDER CHURCH SPLIT UP WHEN HE "CAME OUT."
MELVIN E. WHEATLEY JR., UNITED METHODIST BISHOP IN DENVER, SAID HE IS NOT ALARMED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF FORMAL CHARGES OR A TRIAL BASED UPON ACCUSATIONS FROM A GEORGIA MINISTER AND MEMBERS OF THREE GEORGIA CHURCHES. THE GEORGIA CONGREGATIONS HAVE CHARGED WHEATLEY WITH "HERESY" STATING THAT HE IS VIOLATING CHURCH LAW WHICH FORBIDS DISSEMINATING "DOCTRINE CONTRARY TO THE ESTABLISHED STANDARDS OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH."
WHEATLEY WROTE TO MINISTERS IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE LAST FALL THAT SEXUAL ORIENTATION, WHETHER HETEROSEXUAL OR HOMOSEXUAL, IS A "MYSTERIOUS GIFT OF GOD'S GRACE."

NEW GROUP FORMED IN GREELEY...

IF YOU HAPPENING TO BE TRAVELLING NORTH, CONTACT NORTHERN COLORADO LAMBDA AT P.O. BOX 338, GREELEY, CO 80631 FOR INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES IN THAT PART OF THE STATE.

AFFIRMATION/GAY & LESBIAN MORMONS IS COMPOSED OF ACTIVE, INACTIVE AND EXCOMMUNICATED MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS AND THEIR FRIENDS WHO ARE GAY OR PRO-GAY. THE DENVER CHAPTER OF AFFIRMATION IS AFFILITATED WITH THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF AFFIRMATION AND CHAPTERS IN OTHER CITIES. CALL 1-922-4812 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

I AM A LESBIAN WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CHILD, BUT DON'T WANT TO GO THRU THE "NATURAL" METHOD OF CONCEPTION. WHERE CAN I FIND HELP OR INFORMATION? THANKS.

Vivian T

MANY GAYS, WOMEN AND MEN, ARE OPTING TO HAVE CHILDREN WITHOUT THE "BENEFIT" OF TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE OR METHODS. IN YOUR CASE, CONTACT WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICE CLINIC, 111 E. DALE HERE IN THE SPRINGS. PHONE: 471-9492. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE INFORMATION OR HELP YOU SEEK.

I'D LIKE TO JOIN PPGCC TO HELP IN THE WORK OF SPREADING THE WORD THAT "GAY IS GOOD." CAN YOU PROVIDE ME WITH INFORMATION ON THE CENTER AND HOW I MIGHT GET INVOLVED?

Paul T

WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR DECISION, AND REFER YOU TO THE LEAD ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE. A MEMBERSHIP FORM IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON PG. 6.

THE COMMUNITY CENTER HAS RESERVED "LAZY LAND" IN PALMER PARK FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 20th FOR IT'S ANNUAL MEMBER AND FRIENDS PICNIC. TIME: NOON TIL 6:00pm. FOOD AND SOFT-DRINKS PROVIDED FREE TO CENTER MEMBERS. $2.00 FOR ALL OTHERS. TICKETS FOR THE EVENT WILL GO ON SALE THE FIRST WEEK IN JUNE AND MAY BE OBTAINED AT ANY OF THE SUPPORT GROUPS. THERE ARE COVERED AREAS FOR EATING OR RELAXING, AS WELL AS A SOFT-BALL DIAMOND.

THE YEAR IS 1946, AND PHILLIP IS TRAVELING TO SEATTLE WHERE HE WILL FACE A COURT-MARTIAL FOR ACTING INSUBORDINATE TO A LAZY OFFICER IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF WORLD WAR II. ON THE WAY TO SEATTLE HE MEETS TIM DANELAW, AND SOON THE COURT-MARTIAL IS AMONG THE LEAST OF PHILLIP'S CONCERNS...

SO BEGINS QUATREFOIL, A NOVEL ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN 1950, WITH TWO OF THE FIRST NON-STEREOTYPED GAY CHARACTERS TO APPEAR IN AMERICAN FICTION.

IF YOU READ QUATREFOIL IN THE FIFTIES, YOU'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT IT'S BACK IN PRINT. AVAILABLE FROM ALYSON PUBLICATIONS, P.O. BOX 2783, DEPT. A-67, BOSTON, MASS. 02208. COST: $6.95 + 75¢ postage.

Today I discovered the
joy and the pain
of having you in my life.

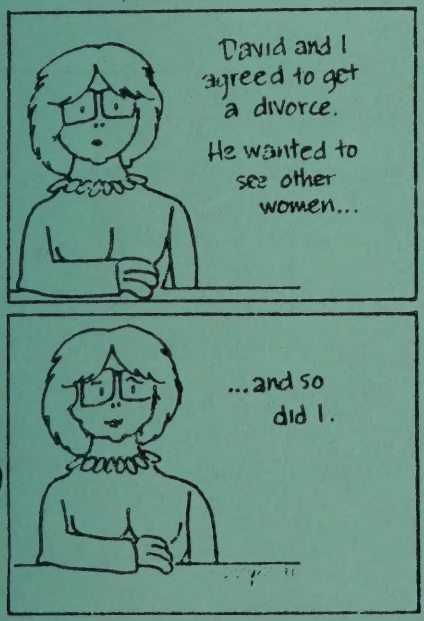
Today I discovered the
gentleness that can be
found in strength...
and the strength that
can be found in gentle-
ness.

Today in your eyes I saw
the trust, the faith,
the Spirit of wonderment
and also of confidence.
I saw a child--vulnerable
I saw a woman--self assured
I saw a lover--drunk with
passion
and a friend--caring and
gentle

Toady I discovered myself
while lying secure and
wrapped in your arms.

There's no other place
I'd rather be...

Cindi Lampman
(UUA Lesbian/Gay World)



METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH...

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH IS A GAY-SENSITIVE, CHRISTIAN ORIENTED CHURCH. SERVICES ARE HELD ON SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 730 N. TEJON STREET(All Souls Unitarian Church). PERSONS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ON MCC ACTIVITIES SHOULD CALL 634-6186.

AUTHOR BRIAN MCNAUGHT SPEAKS IN SPRINGS...

BRIAN MCNAUGHT, AUTHOR OF "A DISTURBED PEACE" SELECTED WRITINGS OF AN IRISH CATHOLIC HOMOSEXUAL, SPOKE IN THE SPRINGS ON APRIL 3rd. MCNAUGHT'S TALK WAS PRECEDED BY A DINNER AT THE EL POMAR RENEWAL CENTER ON MESA AVE. & WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 60 PERSONS FROM PUEBLO, DENVER-BOULDER, AND THE SPRINGS.
MCNAUGHT WAS SLATED TO SPEAK FOR 2 HRS., BUT THE ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD HELD HIM FOR OVER 3 HRS.
BRIAN BEGAN WITH AN OVERVIEW OF HIS LIFE, GROWING UP IN DETROIT, THE SON OF A GM EXECUTIVE, ATTENDING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.
HIS TALK WAS BOTH HUMOROUS AND POSITIVE, ALLOWING LISTENERS TO VIEW HIS COMING OUT PROCESS AS A TIME OF GREAT DISCOVERY ...ABOUT HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
IF ANYONE READING THIS DID NOT GET TO HEAR BRIAN, THEY SHOULD PICK UP HIS BOOK. IT IS AVAILABLE FROM DIGNITY, INC., 1500 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., N.W., SUITE ELEVEN, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005. COST: $5.95 includes postage and handling.

"GAY RIGHTS WOULD LEAD TO THE PRODUCTION OF 100,000 HOMOSEXUAL AND LESBIAN TEST-TUBE BABIES TO GIVE THE GAY MOVEMENT MORE POLITICAL CLOUT."

Dr. C. Everett Koop
U.S.Surgeon General

WANT TO BREAK INTO PRINT???

DO YOU HAVE A GAY ORIENTED EVENT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH COLORADO SPRINGS AND THE PIKES PEAK REGION? IF SO, PLEASE WRITE IT DOWN AND SEND IT TO GAYSPEAK P.O. BOX 574, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80901 BY NO LATER THAN THE 25th OF THE MONTH PRECEDING PUBLICATION.

"I MUST DO SOMETHING" WILL ALWAYS SOLVE MORE PROBLEMS THAN "SOMETHING MUST BE DONE."

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED VIEWING...VICTOR/ VICTORIA. A VERY FUNNY MOVIE STARRING JULIE ANDREWS(of all people) AND ROBERT PRESTON, ALONG WITH JAMES GARNER AND ALEX KARRAS.
PRESTON WILL SURELY GET AN ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATION FOR HIS ROLE.

GAYSPEAK OFFERS ADVERTISING...

GAYSPEAK IS OFFERING DISPLAY ADS DURING 1982. ALL ADS MUST BE CAMERA READY AND SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN THE 25th OF THE MONTH PREVIOUS TO PUBLICATION. MAIL ART WORK WITH PAYMENT TO GAYSPEAK, P.O. 574, COLO. SPGS., CO 80901.

Size	1 month	3 months	6 months
2"x3½" (bus.card)	$ 5.00	$14.00	$25.00
3½"x3½"	$ 7.00	$19.00	$35.00
1/4 pg.	$15.00	$40.00	$75.00
1/2 pg.	$25.00	$65.00	$125.00
Full pg.	$50.00	$135.00	$260.00

CENTER AD IN CLASSIFIED SECTION OF THE "SUN"...

THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER HAS BEEN RUNNING AN AD IN THE COLORADO SPRINGS "SUN" NEWSPAPER IN THE PERSONAL SERVICES SECTION. THE CENTER IS ATTEMPTING TO REACH GAY MEN AND WOMEN WHO MIGHT NEED INFORMATION, HELP, OR REFERRAL.

7A- Personal Services

GAYS & LESBIANS. Need information, help or referral? Call the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center Helpline...471-4GAY.

STD CLINIC...

THE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC(VD) IS LOCATED AT 501 N. FOOTE, JUST NORTH OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. IT OFFERS COMPLETE CONSULTATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT FOR A NOMINAL FEE. HOURS ARE: MONDAYS 1:30pm to 4:00pm; WEDNESDAYS 6pm to 8:30pm; FRIDAYS 9am to 11:30am. STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. MINORS EXAMINED AND TREATED WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT. DON'T CONTINUE TO GIVE THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING! HAVE A CHECK-UP TODAY!

Membership Application for Pikes Peak Gay Community Center.....

____$15.00(regular) ____$25.00(household) ____$60.00(sustaining)

____$35.00(institutional) ____$120.00(business)

I understand that any type of membership entitles me to voting privileges of the General Membership, that the membership list is confidential, and that all membership/donations are tax-deductible.

_____ _____
(Signature) (PRINT NAME for card)

_____ Zip_____
(St. or box number) (City) (State)

Phone(home)_____ (work)_____ext._____

$_____total enclosed $5.00 non-member,newsletter only

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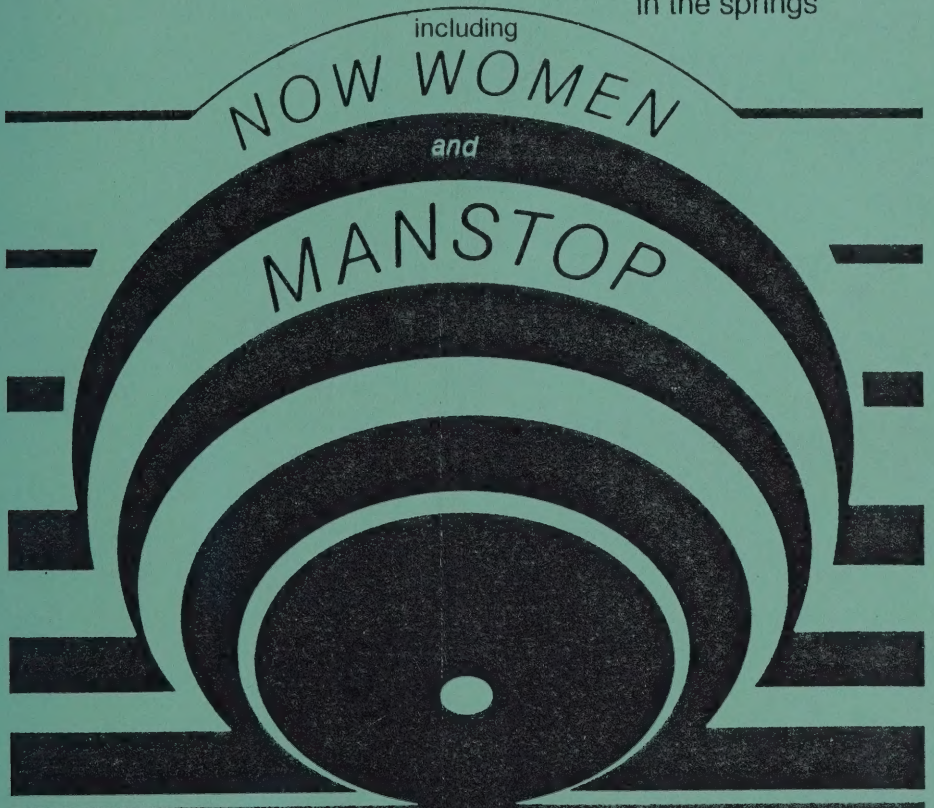

Open Mon. through Sat. from noon til 2:00 am.
After hours till 4:00 pm Fri. and Sat. night.

Happy Hours from noon to 8:00 pm 7 days a week.
All well drinks and beer 2 for $1.50.

512 W. Colorado **634-9303**

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